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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/641,394; Filed: August 18, 2000
For: **A Method, System and Computer Program
Product for Valuating Natural Gas Contracts
Using Weather-Based Metrics**
Inventors: MACHADO *et al.*
Our Ref: 1481.0240000/MQL/RVM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b);
3. Original Declaration executed by the inventors;
4. Original Power of Attorney executed from Assignee;
5. Original Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), along with a copy of the Assignment;
6. Our Check No. 29766 in the amount of \$840.00 to cover:
 \$130.00 - Declaration Surcharge;
 \$710.00 - Basic Filing Fee; and
7. One (1) Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/641,394	08/18/2000	Roberto C. Machado JR.	1481.0240000

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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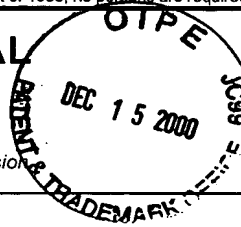
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Application Number	09/641,394
Filing Date	August 18, 2000
First Named Inventor	Roberto C. Machado, Jr.
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 840.00

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- ☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	710.00
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 710.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 6 - 20** = 0	X	0	= 0
Indep. Claims 3 - 3** = 0	X	0	= 0
Multiple Dependent			= 0

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) :

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